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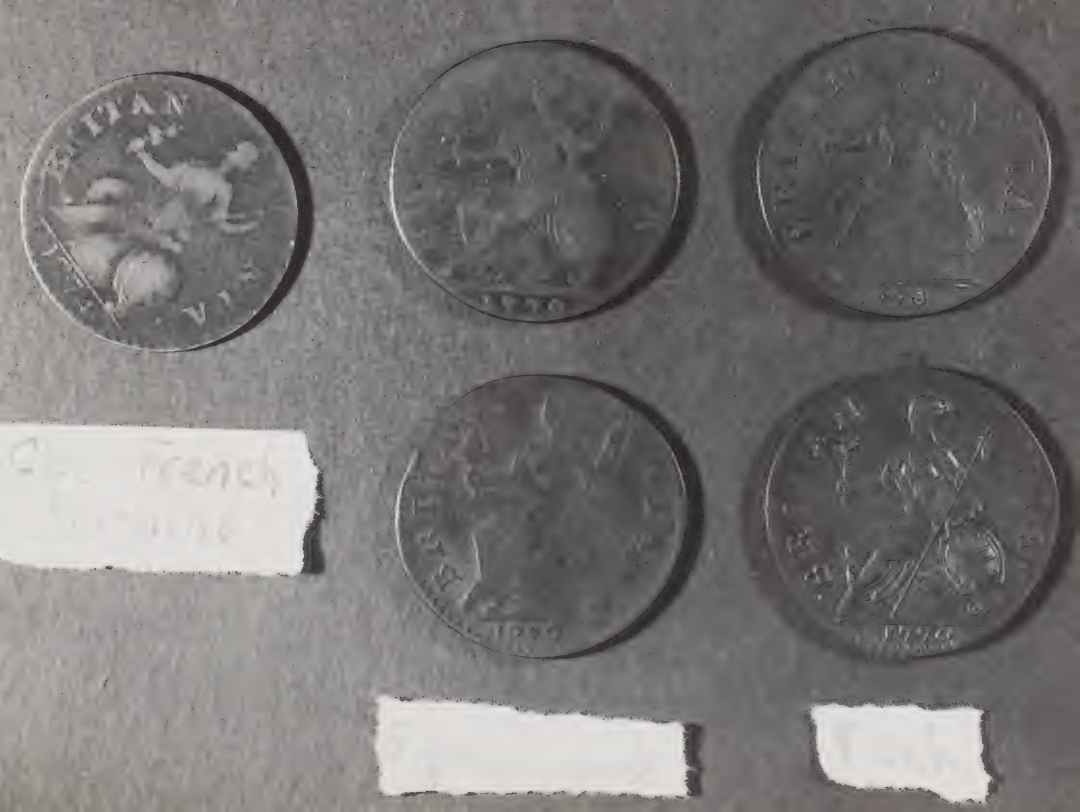
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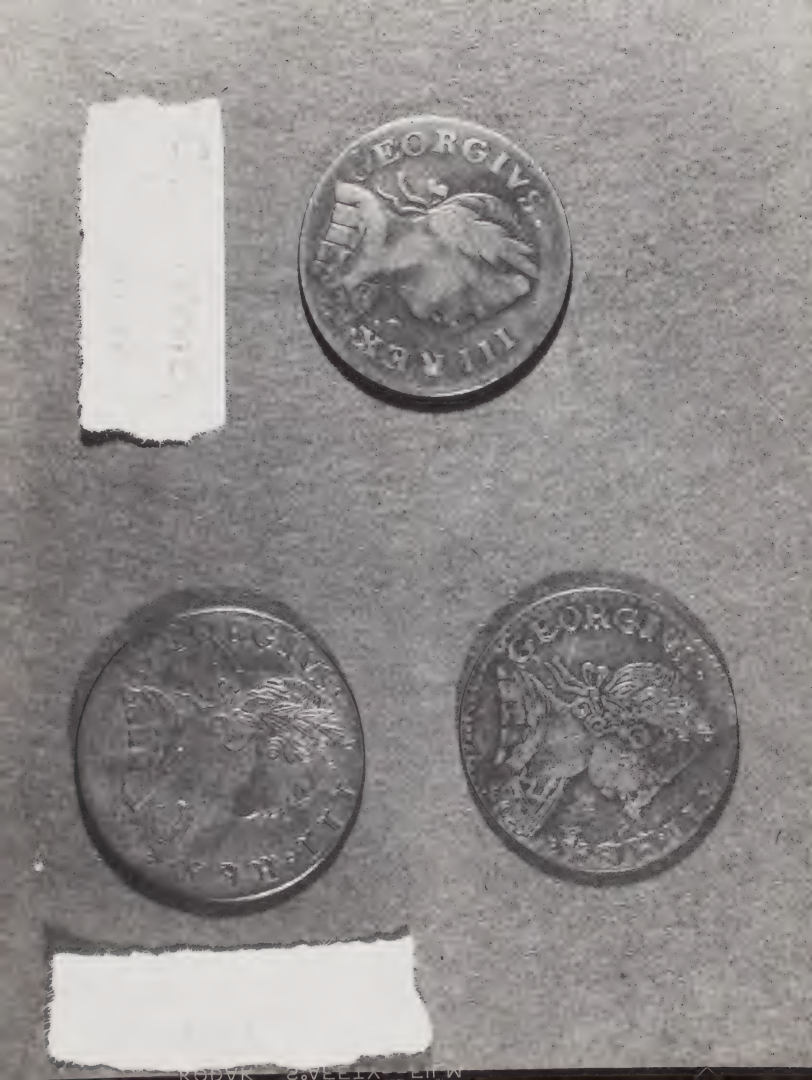
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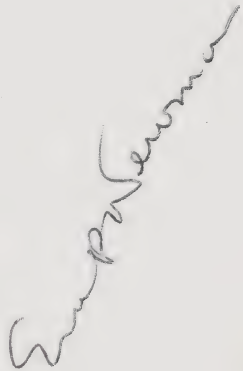

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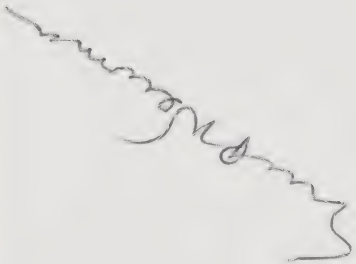

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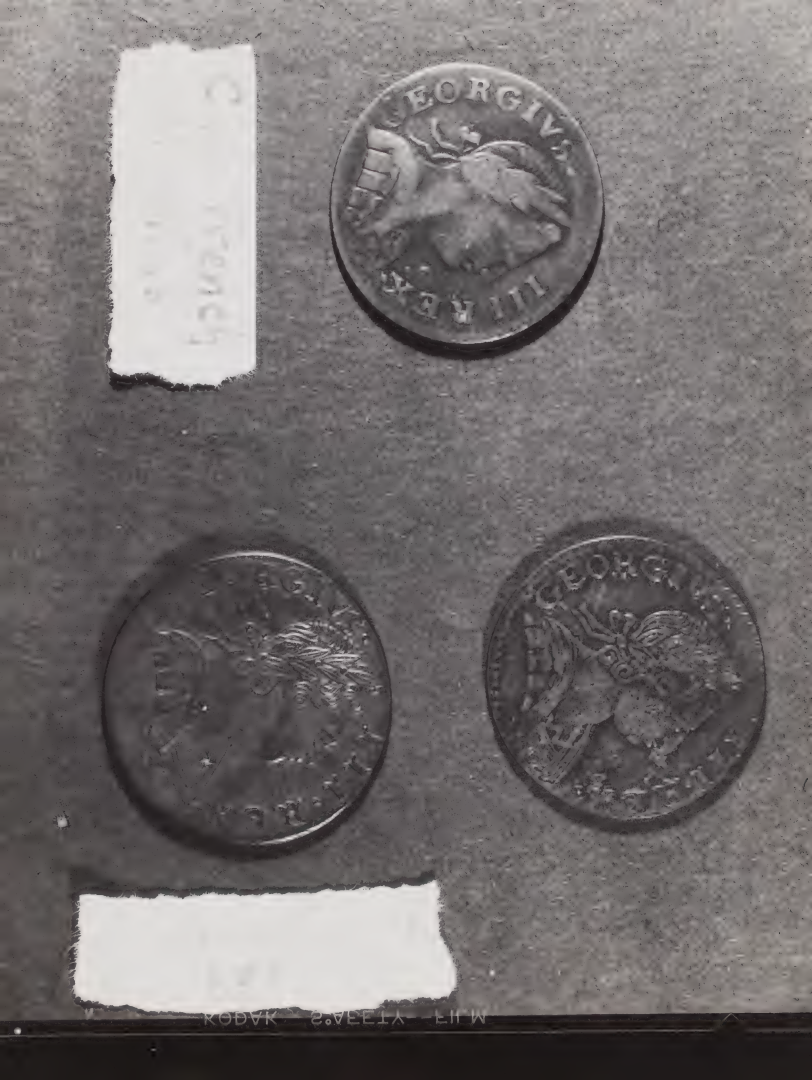
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Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your favor of the 20th instant.

I did not use your photo of Thomas Machin's home in my Machin's Mills monograph because I did not understand that it was mine to publish. To date, I've not done much towards verifying Mrs. Butt's claim that she was living in Machin's home. Unfortunately, it appears as though the house has been destroyed and all that remains is the foundation. I intend to do more in this area - in fact I'm in the process of trying to have an archeological survey done at the mint site and also possibly have it registered so that the site cannot be disturbed. Perhaps your photo could be used in an article publishing the results of the archeological survey. But, alas, the survey may take awhile, because when one works with historians and archeologists things proceed at a slow pace.

Thank you very much for taking the time to weigh your Machin's Mills halfpence for me. I'm also interested in your duplicates and I would appreciate your grading of each coin.

Thanks for offering to send pictures of the new Machin's Mills halfpence variety that you have. I'm very interested in having the photos. I've enclosed photos for you of the newest varieties that I'm aware of. The obverse of the 24-72C was ground down probably with the intention of repunching the legend. There is enough remaining of the old legend to distinguish it as GEORGVIS III REX. The reverse was struck from a badly rusted die. The 23-87C is, of course, a composite of two previously used dies. Unfortunately the coin has been badly treated. There is only one known at this time. However, the reverse appears to be a late die state, similiar to when it was used to strike the Vermont Britannia. The obverse die also appears worn from usage.

I have studied one 1785 halfpence, the same variety (#4) as illustrated in Betts paper on Counterfeit Half Pence, and

I have made the observation that it has some of the same characteristics as some of the 1785 Connecticut issues. Mike Ringo is sending me another 1785 halfpence to study - it has the same obverse as the preceeding coin but a different reverse. Dick August also has a couple 1785 halfpence, apparently from the same source, and if I recall correctly one is die-linked to a 1781 issue.

The marker dedication for Machin's mint went well and was fun. I hope that the marker does not conjure up weird noises from the old mint and frighten the local residents because I'm counting on their cooperation for the archeological survey. A photo of the marker is also enclosed.

Yours truly,

Gary

Gary A. Trudgen

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THOMAS MACHIN'S MINT
AN EARLY AMERICAN MINT
WAS LOCATED NEAR HERE,
RUN BY WATERCOURSE FROM
LAKE. BUILT 1787, SEVERAL
TYPES OF COINS WERE MINTED

Residence of Thomas Machin
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Mr. Eric P. Newman
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AIR PAR AVION MAIL

39 Donna Street
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October 15, 1964

Dear Eric,

After talking to you last night I became very sad over your loss. I guess it is because I associated the same event as possibly happening to me some day, and I don't know what I would do. I'd probably take the gas pipe. I hope the police can do something for you, not only on the coins, but the jewelry as well. I'd be interested in further developments.

I am sending you two items. The photographs are for your file as I think they came out much better than the copy you sent to me when you took the shot. There is absolutely no question in my mind that this is an American product. Check the shield, hair lines, and the R of REX, and perhaps you can concur.

The specimen I am sending you again looks like it is American. The bust looks so much like a Connecticut, and the lettering again seems to match, that I am all for it being American.

In checking over my other stuff (English counterfeits), I tried to match the branch and came up with the other 1774 (Larger flan) and they seem to have the same branch so I am sending that along as well. And as long as I am doing that, I thought I would send along this crazy looking 1775 with the reversed S.

Someday I'll begin to know what the devil I am trying to do with these things. All I seem to be doing is hobnobbing around being suspicious of everything. The specimen with the reversed S is the second I have seen if that means anything. You're telling me the 1747 is the only known variety of George II is very interesting. Have you seen several of these or are they rare in your estimation. You don't have to answer because I do not plan on selling it at all, I was just curious.

Guees that is it for now. I feel very sad over the loss of the Vermont Ryder 30. I wonder who got it. I hate being used, and will never do business with that dealer again.

Very sincerely,

Bob